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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MALI FOREIGN MINISTER

1. MALI FOREIGN MINISTER CHARLES SAMBA CESSOKHO DEPARTED HAVANA, DECEMBER 12, AFTER FOUR-DAY VISIT HERE. HIGHLIGHT OF TALKS INCLUDED SESSION WITH FIDEL CASTRO IN WHICH MALI MINISTER, ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT MOUSSA TRAORE, INVITED CASTRO TO VISIT MALI. WHILE HERE, SAMBA CESSOKHO ALSO SIGNED AN AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN THE MALI AND CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTRIES AND HELD TALKS ON ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL COLLABORATION WITH CUBAN FOREIGN AID CHIEF HECTOR RODRIGUEZ LLOMPART.

2. COMMENT: SAMBA CESSOKHO TOLD ALGERIAN CHARGE HERE ON ARRIVAL THAT HIS VISIT WOULD BE A ROUTINE GLOBAL TOUR D'HORIZON AND THAT ISSUES SUCH AS SAHARA WOULD NOT BE TOUCHED UPON IN DETAIL. JUDGING FROM CUBAN AND MALI PARTICIPANTS IN TALKS, MILITARY COOPERATION WAS PROBABLY NOT MAJOR DISCUSSION ITEM.

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KSAMBA CESSOKHO'S DEPARTURE, HOWEVER, WAS INEXPLICABLY DELAYED BY ONE DAY.) ON FOREIGN POLICY, CUBANS APPARENTLY SOUGHT AND OBTAINED MALI ENDORSEMENT OF CUBAN PLANNING FOR 1979 NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT. GRANMA, DECEMBER 13, CARRIES ACCOUNT OF INTERVIEW WITH SAMBA CESSOKHO IN WHICH LATTER CITES IMPORTANCE OF HAVANA LOCATION AS FACTOR PROMOTING DECISIONS AT NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT FAVORING "PROGRESSIVE" COUNTRIES. HE ALSO CITES NEED TO STRUCTURE CORRECTLY (THAT IS,

PLACE APPROPRIATE COUNTRIES ON) THE COORDINATING BUREAU THAT WILL
TAKE DECISIONS BETWEEN NON-ALIGNED SUMMITS AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS'
MEETINGS. PRESUMABLY, CUBANS WILL SEEK TO INTERPRET THIS AS
ADVOCACY OF LEADING ROLE FOR HAVANA IN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT -
A HIGHLY USEFUL ENDORSEMENT AT TIME WHEN SOME THIRD WORLD STATES
ARE ACCUSING CUBA OF BEING SOVIETS'S CATS PAW. HAVANA PARTICU-
LARLY WELCOMES SUCH SUPPORT FROM COUNTRY SUCH AS MALI WHERE
CHINESE INFLUENCE HAS WEIGHED HEAVILY IN PAST.
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